

Walks in the Woods:

Where can you go out and walk around New Hanover County?

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Castle Hayne Park (50 acres)

Who/where: New Hanover County off Parmale Rd

Dirt: 1 mile disk golf trail through the woods

Highlights: Woods, frisbee disk golf, soccer fields, tennis courts, ball fields

Ogden Park (160 acres)

Who/Where: New Hanover County off Gordon Rd and Market St

Paved: 0.25 mile trail around a small lake and into the woods

Dirt: 0.5 mile graded dirt paths in the woods

Highlights: Pond, high bush blueberries, woods, waterfowl, picnic facilities

Summer Rest Trail

Who/Where: New Hanover County off Summer Rest Rd north of the Wrightsville Beach Drawbridge

Paved: 0.7 mile trail through the woods by Landfall

Highlights: Woods, Intracoastal Waterway

Wrightsville Beach Loop

Who/Where: Town of Wrightsville Beach on Harbor Island and the beach strand

Paved: 2.5 miles around the marsh

Highlights: Marsh, waterfowl, fishing, beach people, museum

Bluethenthal Wildflower Preserve (10 acres)

Who/Where: UNC-W on campus east of Trask Coliseum

Dirt: Graded paths, 0.75 mile total, through the woods and beside a pond

Highlights: Woods, pond, carnivorous plants

River Walk

Who/Where: City of Wilmington downtown Wilmington

Paved: 0.5 mile boardwalk along the east bank of the Cape Fear River

Highlights: Cape Fear River, downtown, Battleship North Carolina, boating access

Greenfield Lake (250 acres)

Who/Where: City of Wilmington off South 3rd Street/Carolina Beach Road

Paved: 4.2 mile path around the lake

Highlights: Lake, waterfowl, cypress trees, azaleas, skate park, playground, rental canoes

Alderman Elementary

Who/Where: City of Wilmington off Independence Blvd and Canterbury Rd

Dirt: 0.25 mile path through a manmade carnivorous plant preserve

Highlights: Pitcher plants, venus fly traps, sundews, sphagnum moss, woods

Halyburton Park (58 acres)

Who/Where: City of Wilmington off 17th Street South

Paved: 1.3 mile path around two small lakes and pine/oak woods

Dirt: Several short paths connecting the paved loop

Highlights: Woods, education center, programs, playground, lake

Hugh MacRae Walking Path (98 acres)

Who/Where: New Hanover County off South College Rd and Oleander Dr

Paved: 1 mile trail through the longleaf pines

Highlights: Lake, birds, picnic facilities, playground, baseball fields, tennis courts

Hugh MacRae Nature Trail (98 acres)

Who/Where: New Hanover County off South College Rd and Lake Ave

Paved: 0.5 and 0.25 mile trails through woods and over a small lake

Highlights: Lake, boardwalk, waterfowl, cypress trees

Carolina Beach State Park (761 acres)

Who/Where: State of North Carolina beside Snow's Cut and off Dow Rd

Dirt: More than 6 miles of trails

Highlights: Camping, boating, woods, pocosin, marsh, Cape Fear River, Sugar Loaf, deer, birds, carnivorous plants, visitor's center

Carolina Beach Lake

Who/Where: Town of Carolina Beach on US 421

Paved: 1.25 mile path around Carolina Beach Lake

Highlights: Lake, waterfowl, picnic facilities

Ft Fisher State Historic Site

Who/Where: State of North Carolina on US 421 south of Kure Beach

Paved: ½ mile trail beside the ocean and loop around the land face of Ft Fisher

Highlights: Ft Fisher, visitor's center, picnic facilities, ocean, rocky coast (natural and manmade)

Ft Fisher State Recreation Area

Who/Where: State of North Carolina on US 421 south of Kure Beach

Dirt: Short trail meanders through the marsh.

Highlights: Sound-side flora and fauna.